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SUBJECT: WFP PROGRAMS IN VIETNAM

REF: (A) ROME 10268, (B) STATE 143362, (C) STATE 139579

1. AS INSTRUCTED REF B, BYRNES DISCUSSED WFP ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM WITH WFP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VOGEL ON TUESDAY, JUNE 13. VOGEL REFERRED TO HIS BRIEF TALK ON THIS MATTER WITH MINISTER-COUNSELOR BAKER (FODAG) AND SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO REVIEW MATTERS AT GREATER LENGTH.

2. BASICALLY, VOGEL SHARES U. S. CONCERN OVER STRICT WFP ADHERENCE TO ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING. HE FEELS UNEASY OVER WFP'S CURRENT INABILITY TO MONITOR PROJECTS IN VIETNAM BUT IS MILDLY OPTIMISTIC CONCERNING IMPROVEMENT. FIRST OF ALL, HE MAINTAINS THAT HE NOW HAS TWO OFFICERS IN HANOI, ONE MORE WILL BE ADDED QUICKLY AND TWO MORE ARE IN TRAINING.

3. ADMITTING THAT STATIONING WFP OFFICERS IN HANOI WILL NOT ALONE SOLVE IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING CONCERNS, HE SAID HE SPOKE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO WITH AMBASSADOR OF
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VIETNAM IN ROME AND OBTAINED ASSURANCE THAT GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE SERIOUS ATTENTION TO ESTABLISHING MACHINERY TO DIRECT IMPLEMENTATION ALONG LINES AGREED IN PROJECT AGREEMENTS. IN LONGER TERM HE THOUGHT THERE WAS OPPORTUNITY FOR GREATER CONTROL OVER PROJECTS IN VIETNAM THAN IN MANY AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHERE

WFP NOW IS PROVIDING FOOD ASSISTANCE.

4. VOGEL STATED THAT WHILE HE WILL INSIST TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE ON FULL COMPLIANCE WITH WFP REGULATIONS, HE BELIEVES SOME FLEXIBILITY IS REQUIRED. HE KNOWS THE DAMAGE WHICH WILL BE DONE TO WFP IF DONOR GOVERNMENTS PERCEIVE EITHER PROGRAM INEFFECTIVENESS OR A LEADERSHIP IN WFP WHICH DOES NOT APPLY PROCEDURES AS RIGOROUSLY AS POSSIBLE. HE CITED THE RECENT U. S. DECISION TO PROVIDE FOOD AID TO LAOS THROUGH WFP AS ANOTHER REASON WHY WFP MUST BE CIRCUMSPECT CONCERNING ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES.

5. ALTHOUGH LACKING SPECIFICS ON EXTENT OF EXCHANGES OF COMMODITIES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN VIETNAM VOGEL ACK-

NOWLEDGED THERE HAVE BEEN SOME. HE THOUGHT SOME OF THESE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATED AND INDICATED HE WOULD LOOK FURTHER INTO MATTER AFTER HIS RETURN. IN GENERAL, HE DEFENDED THE PRINCIPLE OF EXCHANGES, WHENEVER THIS IS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN THE PROPER FOOD BASKET.

6. RE CRITICAL HOUSING SITUATION FOR UN PERSONNEL IN HANOI (REF A) VOGEL SAID A SWEDISH FIRM WHICH SPECIALIZES IN PRE-FABRICATED CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN ENGAGED TO BUILD ENCLAVE FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL AGENCIES. LUCEY
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